



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of : Staple)
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Response to Final Rejection

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2003 finally rejecting the claims please consider the following remarks. An extension of time also accompanies this submission.

Claims 1-3 are in the case.

Objection to the Specification

The specification remains under objection for use of trademark recitations. Applicants have requested that this objection be held in abeyance until such time as the Examiner has indicated that there is allowable subject matter.

Rejection under Judicially Created Doctrine of Double Patenting

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